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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: OPPOSITION LEADER GEORGE MAVROS OUTLINES HIS
POSITION BUT BARELY

1. OPPOSITION CENTER UNION/NEW FORCES (CU/NF) LEADER GEORGE
MAVROS HAS CALLED FOR THE RECONVENING OF THE PARLIAMENT IN A
SPECIAL SESSION TO DISCUSS THE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION IN
COMMUTING THE DEATH SENTENCES OF THE THREE APRIL 1967
COUP LEADERS AND ALSO THE CYPRUS QUESTION. HE COMMENTED
ON CYPRUS DURING A PRESS CONFERENCE ON AUGUST 26.

2. A GOOD PART OF HIS PRESS CONFERENCE REMARKS COVERED
A REVIEW OF DEVELOPMENTS AT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE LAST
YEAR. MAVROS THEN SAID THAT ANY "BIZONAL" SOLUTION ON
CYPRUS WOULD RESULT IN THE UPROOTING OF THOUSANDS OF
FAMILIES AND WOULD CREATE A PERMANENT PROBLEM OF 180,000
REFUGEES. BEFORE ANY SOLUTION, HE ADDED, THE GREEK
CYPRIOT REFUGEES MUST RETURN TO THEIR HOMES.

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3. REFERRING TO THE SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR AN INTERNATIONAL

CONFERENCE ON CYPRUS, MAVROS SAID THIS WOULD NOT HAVE A POSITIVE RESULT SINCE IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO ENFORCE ANY DECISIONS TAKEN AT SUCH A CONFERENCE. AT HELSINKI, HE SAID, THE AMERICANS MADE IT CLEAR THAT THEY CANNOT EXERT PRESSURE ON THE TURKS SO LONG AS THERE IS AN EMBARGO ON ARMS SHIPMENTS TO TURKEY. THEREFORE, IT IS UP TO THE EC-9 TO CARRY THE BALL.

4. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, MAVROS ALSO DECLARED HIS EXPECTATION THAT THE TURKISH-CYPRIOT PROPOSALS IN THE THIRD ROUND OF THE INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS IN NEW YORK ON SEPTEMBER 8-9 WOULD PROBABLY BE UNACCEPTABLE. HE SUGGESTED THAT THIS COULD, SOMEHOW, INFLUENCE THE U.S. CONGRESS' ATTITUDE ON THE CONTINUED EMBARGO ON ARMS ASSISTANCE TO TURKEY.
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